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Tropical Storm Condition 2 for Rota

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The island of Rota was upgraded to Tropical Storm Condition 2 yesterday due to the threat of Tropical Storm Man-Yi, which is still off the coast of Chuuk as of 2pm.

Tropical Storm Condition 2 means that damaging winds of 39 to 73 miles per hour are expected within 24 hours.

In a bulletin issued by the CNMI Homeland Security Emergency Management Agency, acting governor Victor B. Hocog upgraded Rota yesterday to Tropical Storm Condition 2 as Tropical Storm Man-Yi—previously named Tropical Storm 32W—continues to intensify.

Tropical Storm Man-Yi is expected to continue intensifying through Thursday, possibly becoming a typhoon as early as Thursday night.

Tropical Storm Man-Yi was last seen packing maximum sustained winds of 60 mph and was seen moving west-northwest at 20 mph.

As of 2pm yesterday, Tropical Storm Man-Yi's was still off western Chuuk and is expected to maintain its course and speed through Friday.

Man-Yi is currently about 565 miles southeast of Guam, about 580

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CEC mum on Dems' allegations

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» CEC says it has 10 days to reply; notes that CEC office still has no power

The Commonwealth Election Commission is keeping mum on the allegations of the Democratic Party of the Northern Marianas that there were irregularities in the conduct of the Nov. 13 general election and in the counting and tabulation of ballots.

CEC executive director Julita A. Villagomez said yesterday that they have no comments on the Democratic Party's allegations.

Villagomez pointed out that the CEC has 10 days to reply to the Democratic Party and had not provided the party yet with the documents it had asked for.

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APPRECIATION LUNCH

The Saipan Mayor's Office threw an appreciation lunch yesterday for members of the U.S. military that are assisting with Typhoon Yutu recovery efforts.

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Over 380 remain in PSS shelters

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The CNMI Public School System confirmed that there are still over 380 people who remain in its shelters as of yesterday afternoon.

The PSS Agency Operation Center confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that there remains 383 shelterees—or 92 families—in their shelters at the northern area of Saipan.

There are 79 shelterees, or 16 families, at the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School; 150 shelterees, or 41 families, at the Tanapag Middle School; and 154 shelterees, or 35 families, at the Kagman Elementary School.

Interim Education commissioner Glenn Muña noted that a date to close the shelters has yet to be decided.

"We don't have an exact date yet

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The Saipan Mayor's Office has been scrambling since yesterday to prepare the southern area of Saipan for a tropical storm that's projected to head for the south of Guam today.

Saipan Mayor David Apatang told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that they are working as hard to finish what they can in the southern area of Saipan as it bore most of the brunt of Super Typhoon Yutu.

"We are really hustling up, trying to concentrate on all the roofing tins and all that [waste]," Apatang said.

Yesterday around noon, his teams were concentrating on finishing the As Gonno area first.

"We have been moving tins since [Tuesday]" to recycling centers," he said. "We are doing that as fast as we could because of the storm that is within the [Marianas] area.

Saipan Mayor's Office director of field operations Joann Aquino noted that "we want to get that area cleared so that there is more room and also [in preparation] for the upcoming storm]."

As of 9am yesterday, Tropical Depression Man-Yi has been upgraded to a tropical storm. The U.S. National Weather Service in Guam noted that it is still expected to pass between Guam and Yap today and is projecting impacts extending well away from the center.

As of 9am yesterday, Ma-Yi had 50mph maximum sustained winds that are projected to strengthen while its current movement toward the northwest is at 23mph, which is fast for a storm.

"Twenty-three miles per hour is quite fast so do not let the satellite image fool you into thinking the storm is several days away. Given this fast movement, we are recommending that any outdoor storm preparations on Guam be completed today in case we do receive damaging winds by mid-morning [Thursday]," the agency warned yesterday.

A Guam media outlet noted that Man-Yi is expected to develop into a category 3 typhoon tonight with winds up to 120mph around its eyewall. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

MOCK TRIAL ALUMKNIGHT

Mount Carmel School recognizes and congratulates 2018 AlumKnight, Jeff Matthew Melchor, far right, on making the cut for Gonzaga University's prestigious Mock Trial Program. Melchor was active in the school's mock trial program for six straight years until graduating this past May.

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Red Cross assists over 600 Tinian households

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The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter was able to give financial aid and relief supplies to over 600 households on Tinian.

According to American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsch, he had just recently returned from Tinian to help assess the damage and assist in relief distribution.

The chapter was able to hand out relief packages to a total of 675 households. The packages included hygiene kits, tarps, mosquito nets, water, food, and more.

"We got a lot of people in the community and in different regions donating containers of different stuff. …We are also trying to manage resources that we have and brought in ourselves…We don't have a permanent Red Cross office on Tinian, so we staged [relief efforts from] the gym," said Hirsch.

There are still over 20 Red Cross volunteers on Tinian.

Hirsch said the chapter also gave financial relief assistance to those who experienced major damage. A home must first be considered to have major damage by both the Chapter and the Federal Emergency Management Agency before financial assistance is provided.

"If the home is considered by FEMA and Red Cross as a major damaged home or destroyed, they will be eligible for financial assistance but if it doesn't meet that criteria, then they'll only be able to receive the emergency supplies," he said.

Each eligible household will receive $125 per person living in the home.

Hirsch said the disaster has resulted in the Red Cross-CNMI Chapter putting out more of their resources than they have in past calamities.

"None of the work we do would be possible without donations from agencies like the TSL Foundation," he said.

Casino operator seeks dismissal of ex-VIP services host's claims

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC sought yesterday the dismissal of the lawsuit of a former VIP services host at the Imperial Pacific Resort and Casino in Garapan.

IPI, through counsel Kelley M. Butcher, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to dismiss plaintiff Shirline Loh's wage claims and claim for fraud.

Loh had sued IPI for allegedly not paying her minimum wage and overtime wages and refusing to give her customers' tips.

Butcher said that Loh's wage claims should be dismissed with prejudice as they are barred by the statute of limitations.

That would mean Loh would no longer be allowed to re-file the wage claims.

Butcher said the fraud claim should be dismissed as well as it fails to allege all of the elements of fraud and fails to allege fraud with particularity.

Loh, through counsel William M. Fitzgerald, is suing IPI for alleged violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act and Minimum Wage Hour Act, and conversion and fraud.

Loh is demanding that IPI be made to pay her the minimum wage and overtime pay. She also wants her share of tips.

Loh is a citizen of Singapore. She currently lives there. According to Fitzgerald in the complaint, Loh worked for IPI from Oct. 15, 2015 to August 2016.

In IPI's motion to dismiss, Butcher said the complaint insufficiently pleads fraud.

In Loh's wage claim, Butcher said Commonwealth law clearly sets a six-month limitation period for unintentional wage claims and a one-year statute of limitations for intentional wage claims.

The lawyer noted that Loh filed her case more than one year after her separation from work at IPI. Therefore her claim should be dismissed with prejudice, Butcher said.

On the fraud claim, the lawyer said the court should dismiss it as it is not pleaded with particularity as required by Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 9(b).

The lawyer cited that the elements of fraud or intentional misrepresentation under Commonwealth law. To satisfy this particularity requirement, Butcher said a complaint must do more than merely allege these basic elements. Rather, Butcher said, a claim of fraud must allege the circumstances constituting "fraud" such as the time, place, and nature of the alleged fraudulent conduct.

The fraud claim in this case, she said, fails to plead with particularity.

She said two paragraphs are the only factual allegations Loh alleges in support of her fraud claim.

Butcher said the complaint does not allege all of the elements of fraud and fail to alleged particularized facts such as the time, place, and nature of the allege fraudulent conduct.

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Thanksgiving specials for everyone

Despite the trauma facing everyone in the wake of Super Typhoon Yutu, many companies still want people to experience a Thanksgiving that is meaningful and filled with the spirit of gratitude.

Grandvrio Resort is giving a special room rate for a staycation For only $85 plus 15 percent tax, enjoy an overnight stay and pool access. The resort's Airi Coffee Shop buffet lunch is every day for only $22 for adult ($18 local) and $11 for child ($9 local) 11 years and below.

Forego the cooking at the Thanksgiving lunch buffet at Airi Coffee Shop for only $32 from 11am to 2pm. They are also open for brunch Sunday for only $32 adult ($25 local) and $16 child ($14 local).

For Japanese food lovers, Gradvrio's Dolphin Restaurant is open for both lunch and dinner. For reservation and inquiry, call (670) 234-6495 or email at food.beverage@grandvrio-saipan.com.

The World Café of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in Garapan is opening its doors to everyone starting at 11am today.

Live music will be played in the background to complete the dining experience. Complimentary pool passes are provided upon request and local discount applies. For reservations, call (670) 233-6414/ 483-0462/ 2367171 ext. 1548

Thanksgiving is always a celebration of international tastes and dishes at Costa Terrace Restaurant of the Aqua Resort Club. For only $40 adults ($36 local) and $20 children ($18 local) guests will enjoy the world's different flavors.

This delightful dining experience can be extended at Kevin's The Prime Rib & Seafood from 6pm to 10pm. A five-course savory meal awaits the entire family for only $50 per person and $190 family meal good for four. That includes cranberry-brie morsel (with walnut and rosemary), pumpkin bisque with crabmeat balls and parsley pesto, trio of chicory, and apple salad in brown butter dressing, roasted honeysuckle turkey served on craisin-pumpkin bread pudding, pair of Brussel sprout and petite carrots, mashed potatoes with giblet gravy, and cranberry confit. End with pumpkin tart with triple berry compote. For reservation and enquiries, call (670) 322-1234

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They are also open for orders of roast pig (50-60 lbs) for only $275. Pies and round cakes are also available. For orders and inquiries, call Aiko's Susupe at (670) 234-6445 (Ext. 2289), Aiko's Hafa Adai at (670) 234-6406, Aiko's Dandan at (670) 235-6018, and Aiko's Kagman at (670) 256-6442.

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'Hardships come and go'

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Both the Rota and Saipan mayors are giving merry greetings of "Happy Thanksgiving" to their constituents today, even as they noted that hardships "come and go."

Apatang

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang noted that, regardless of the circumstance, one must take the time to give thanks.

"Despite the circumstance each one of us finds ourselves in today, we must give thanks to our Lord for making this day and all days past and coming," Apatang said. "Each day is a challenge for each one of us and, with our pledge to support one another, each one of us will make it through this trying time."

"From my employees who serve you day in and day out and from me who is committed to making sure your concerns and needs are heard and taken cared of, I and my employees takes this moment to wish all families and friends on Saipan a Happy Thanksgiving," he said.

Apatang also gave thanks to the U.S. Army National Guard from Guam, the U.S. Army Reserve, and federal agencies such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency since they are spending Thanksgiving festivities on Saipan.

"We are truly blessed for your presence here and for sacrificing precious time away from your family as you spend Thanksgiving here [on] Saipan," he said.

Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig noted the difficulties faced by everyone, especially during the political season.

"…[I] faced a lot of obstacles along the way, from having four opponents politically, to a court case which I will be facing very soon. But I am very thankful for you all for still believing in me. Let's all come together with respect and help each other. I love you all," Atalig noted in a social media post.

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because we are still working that out," Muña said. He told *Saipan Tribune* that PSS is working with various government agencies such as the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, the CNMI Emergency Operations Center, the CNMI Homeland Safety and Emergency Management Office, and the shelterees themselves to decide on a date for the closure of the evacuation centers.

Muña noted that the upcoming storm, Tropical Storm Man-Yi, is further complicating matters.

"Rota right now is in Storm Condition 2, so we do not have an exact date for the shelter closure and we are trying to work with them [shelterees] to see if they can move out [soon]," he said.

During the onslaught of Super Typhoon Yutu, PSS opened all of its shelters, all of which reached maximum capacity as Yutu closed in on Tinian and Saipan. In total, there were over 800 shelterees under PSS.

In a previous press release, PSS noted that it aims to resume classes on Dec. 3, 2018. Double sessions would be implemented while classes would be shared in consolidated campuses to allow each school to resume classes.

CEC

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"We don't even have [electricity] here in our office," she said.

The Democratic Party, through its election committee chair Tony Mareham, wrote a letter to Villagomez last Monday about the party's intent to inspect all used, defaced, and unused ballots, documents, records, video recordings, and many other election-related items.

Villagomez

In the letter, Mareham said that, without explanation, several "significant irregularities" may call into question the validity of the election results.

Democratic Party chief executive officer Stephen C. Woodruff earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that they went to CEC's office in Susupe that afternoon, Monday, to obtain answers and access the documents, but Villagomez did not provide them any.

Woodruff agreed that the CEC still has no electric power.

STORM

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miles southeast of Rota, and about 620 miles south-southeast of Saipan and Tinian.

Tropical storm force winds extend outward from the center up to 110 miles.

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point will be monitoring the movement of Tropical Storm Man-Yi and will be issuing bulletins as they become available.

The Rota community is encouraged to keep a close watch on updates to weather forecasts and to stay informed on the latest statements and advisories that will be available through local media.

Lawyer wants Hillbroom deposition in Vietnam, not Saipan

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A former lawyer of Junior Larry Hillbroom who now lives in Vietnam wants Hillbroom's counsel to take his deposition in Vietnam and not on Saipan.

Deposition refers to the taking of testimony of a witness outside of court.

Hillbroom has filed in federal court a legal malpractice lawsuit against his former lawyers, Barry J. Israel and David J. Lujan.

Israel said he is willing to have his deposition taken in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Israel is opposing Hillbroom's motion to compel him to be deposed on Saipan. His opposition was filed last Saturday before the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Israel said that having his deposition taken in Vietnam will avoid the difficulties and undue expense of travel and allow him to minimize the negative impact on his businesses in Vietnam.

The lawyer said he is 72 and that traveling internationally across different time zones at his age requires a minimum of two days upon arrival and upon return for him to eliminate the effects of jetlag.

"At my age, I am unable to conduct business affairs within 24 hours of arrival in a different time zone, as my mental and physical state no longer acclimatize that soon," he said.

Israel said he would need more time to overcome jetlag and be prepared mentally and physically to proceed with a three-day deposition. He said going to Saipan would also increase his travel costs.

Israel said he owns several businesses in Vietnam for which he is responsible for the day to day operations.

He said traveling to Saipan would require at least nine days: two days to travel, two days to acclimatize, three days of deposition, and then two days to travel home.

"This would require me to shut down my businesses during such a trip as they cannot operate without my daily, hands-on involvement," Israel said.

Israel said he established permanent residency in Vietnam in 2003 and married a Vietnamese citizen in 2007.

Israel said he is currently the chairman of a 100-percent foreign-owned company named Saigon Interiors in Vietnam and has providing financing to a number of other projects there.

"I have no business interests in the CNMI nor do I own any real property in the CNMI," he said.

Theodore W. Frank, counsel for Israel, said for the District Court to order Israel to appear for deposition anywhere other than Vietnam would countenance "the audacious bravado, dilatoriness, and inexcusable neglect of Hillbroom and his counsel."

Frank said if the court orders Israel to appear for deposition outside Vietnam, the court should order Hillbroom to pay for Israel's travel costs of $4,232 or more.

Hillbroom is suing Israel and Lujan for allegedly conspiring with a former trustee to inflate the attorney's contingency fee when the fortune of the late business tycoon and DHL co-founder Larry Lee Hillblom was still undergoing probate proceedings in Superior Court.

Hillbroom is one of the four DNA-proven children of Hillblom.

Hillbroom's name is spelled differently from Hillblom.

USDOL stresses worker safety and pay this holiday shopping season

As the holiday season approaches, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Wage and Hour Division are reminding employers to protect worker safety and pay.

"Whether employees are stocking shelves, packing boxes, delivering products, or selling merchandise, they have the right to a safe workplace," said Loren Sweatt, acting assistant Labor secretary for Occupational Safety and Health. "Employers should focus on their responsibility to protect all employees during the busy holiday season."

Retail employers should take precautions to keep workers safe while managing large crowds during sales events. Retailers are encouraged to address potential workplace safety hazards by following safety guidelines such as using trained security personnel and barricades or rope lines for pedestrians, and implementing crowd control measures and emergency procedures. OSHA offers many resources that provide information and guidance for protecting people employed in various aspects of the retail industry, including warehousing, tractor trailer drivers, forklift safety, and crowd management.

Temporary or seasonal employees hired to provide additional help have the right to a safe and healthful workplace, and to be paid for the work performed. As hiring spikes, employees not familiar with this sort of employment and employers unaccustomed to hiring part-time and/or seasonal employees may not be fully aware of the rules that surround such work.

"Holiday season hiring brings great opportunity for both the American workforce and job creators," said Bryan Jarrett, acting administrator for the Wage and Hour Division. "The U.S. Department of Labor offers a wide variety of tools to ensure that workers are paid what they have legally earned and help employers understand their responsibilities."

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to help ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

The Fair Labor Standards Act requires most workers to be paid at least the federal minimum wage, and overtime premium pay for hours worked over 40 in a workweek. For more information, visit www.dol.gov/whd. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Free clothing drive this Saturday

Typhoon survivors in need of clothes are invited to stop by the Joeten Daidai Social Hall in Chalan Kanoa this Saturday, Nov. 24, from 3pm to 6pm. This free clothing drive is hosted by Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation, with support from the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa. For more information, call Vei at 285-5334 or Tina at 285-3935.

Free bento from Korean Association

The Korean Association on Saipan will be giving away free bento to the community at the following locations beginning 11:30am. Up to 200-300 bento will be prepared every day. The items will e given away on a first come, first serve basis.

- Nov. 22: Big Bell Construction, across Hanam, Koblerville
- Nov. 23: Dandan HiMart

Next week will be at the same locations. For more information, contact Mr. Kim at 287-3839. ***(PR)***

CUC meter readers surveying water leaks and damaged pipes

Meter readers of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. are performing house-to-house assessments of electric and water meters throughout Saipan and Tinian.

These ongoing surveys will assist in detecting damage for safety and water leaks that would prevent continuous water distribution to households.

CUC encourages the public to report any and all water leaks and damage to pipes that may result in severe water level losses.

Customers are urged to shut off main water valves to preserve the water supply and not to tamper with meters and to maintain access to water meters by keeping it clear of debris.

As CUC assesses damage, metering equipment may be removed to stop leaks and waste of water. Customers are urged to repair broken pipes up to the water meter immediately so the water meter may be returned and water service can be restored to their homes.

As for power, as CUC assesses damage, metering equipment may be removed for safety if determined that the weather head or meter base is damaged or unsafe.

Residents are advised that damaged weather heads and meter bases must be repaired by the homeowners in anticipation of power services being energized.

Residents can call the CUC Call Center at 664-4282 to request for an inspection of their repaired electric equipment or to let CUC know when broken or leaking pipes are repaired.

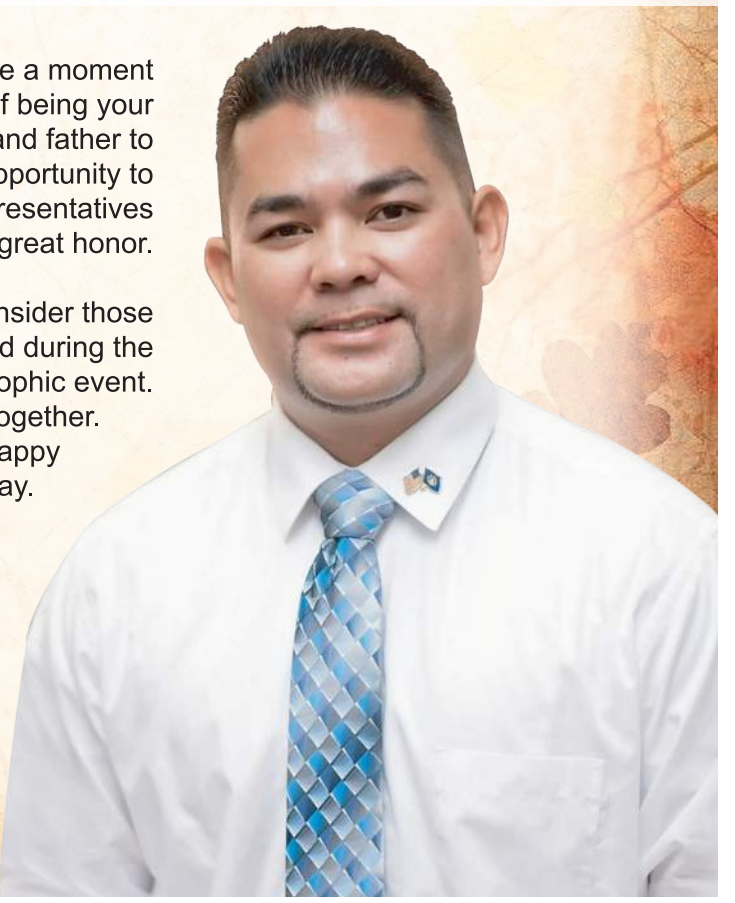
The community is asked to immediately report tampering or any suspicious activity to the Department of Public Safety and the Call Center at 664-4282.

For more information, monitor the CUC Facebook page for the latest updates at (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/) or call the CUC Call Center: (670) 664-4282, CUC Outage Hotline: (670) 236-4333, CUC Rota: (670) 532-9411/9413, and CUC Tinian: (670) 433-9261/9264/9265. ***(PR)***

"Not what we say about our blessing, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving." - W.T. Purkiser

During this Thanksgiving, I would like to take a moment and show my gratitude for the many blessings of being your son/brother/friend/uncle and a husband to my beautiful wife and father to our four beautiful children. I am thankful for having the opportunity to serve as your voice in the 19th and 20th CNMI House of Representatives on behalf of the citizens it serves. I do so humbly and with great honor.

On this Thanksgiving, my wish is that you take time to consider those less fortunate and those who could use a helping hand during the holidays, especially since we endured such a heavy catastrophic event. We must take care of each other because we are all in this together.
I wish you and your loved ones a very happy Thanksgiving and a very blessed holiday.



Happy Thanksgiving

From the Office of Representative Vinnie Flores Sablan

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

From my employees who serve you day in and day out and from me who is committed to making sure your concerns and needs are heard and taken care of, I and my employees take this moment to wish all families and friends in Saipan a Happy Thanksgiving Day.

Despite the circumstance each one of us finds ourselves in today, we must give thanks to our Lord for making this day and all days past and coming, always a special one. Each day is a challenge for each one of us and with our pledge to support one another each one of us will make it through this trying time.

To families and friends living afar, Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and always remember Saipan in your hearts.

To our partners, the United States Army National Guard (Guam), U.S. Army Reserve (Guam and Saipan), and our federal agency partners, Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. We are truly blessed for your presence here and for sacrificing precious time away from your family as you spend Thanksgiving here in Saipan.

MAYOR DAVID M. APATANG
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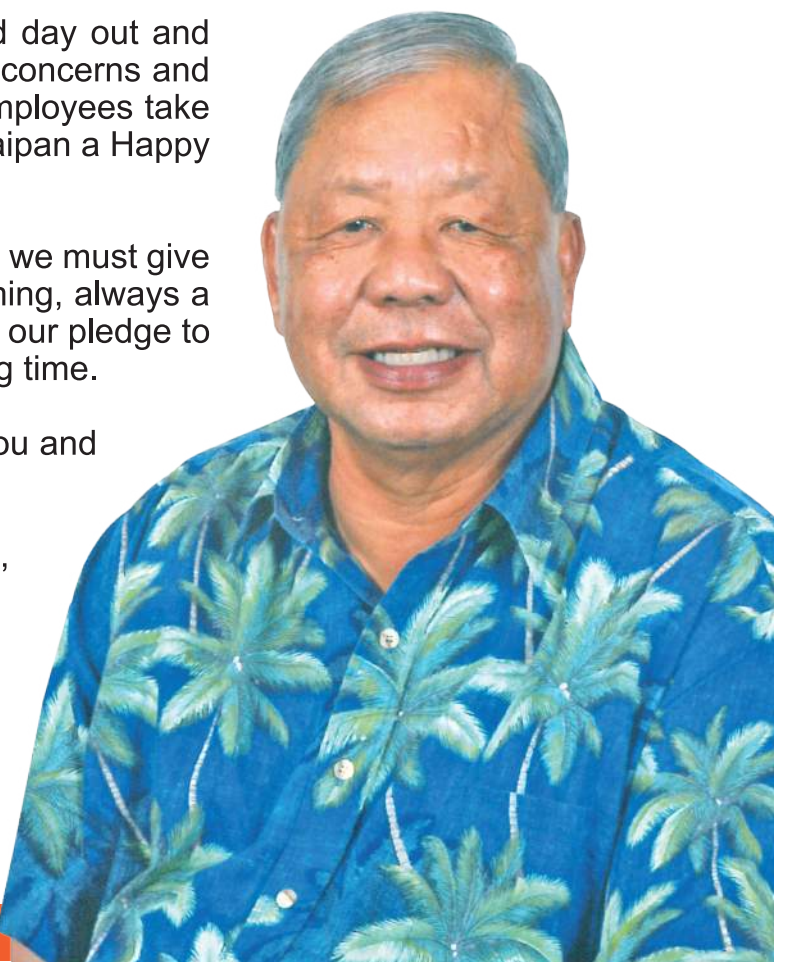

Piles of debris lay stacked on the side of the road after Super Typhoon Yutu made landfall, damaging hundreds of homes and leaving many residents without power, shelter, food, or access to clean water. Federal Emergency Management Agency staff are deployed to Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam to help the Commonwealth deliver aid to those affected by the disaster.

GRACE SIMONEAU/FEMA

Piles of debris lay stacked in a parking lot after Super Typhoon Yutu made landfall on Saipan, damaging hundreds of homes and leaving many residents without power, shelter, food, or access to clean water.

GRACE SIMONEAU/FEMA

Piles of debris lay stacked in a parking lot after Super Typhoon Yutu made landfall.

GRACE SIMONEAU/FEMA

A totaled car sits in the village of Koblerville after Super Typhoon Yutu passed through the island as the second strongest storm to hit U.S. soil, leaving many residents without power, shelter, food, or access to clean water.

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Scattered debris lays in front of a home after Super Typhoon Yutu made landfall on Saipan.

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Ninth Mission Support Command soldiers, currently assigned to Joint Task Group-Saipan, Task Force-West, stage tactical vehicles for movement after coming off a Navy Landing Craft Utility at a port on Saipan.

STAFF SGT. JAMES KENNEDY BENJAMIN

Army Reserve soldiers with the 797th Engineer Company (Vertical), 9th Mission Support Command, learn how to set up a Federal Emergency Management Agency tent at the Koblerville Fire Station on Saipan on Nov. 7. The tents will be used as temporary shelters for Saipan residents affected by Super Typhoon Yutu, a Category 5 storm, which devastated the island about two weeks ago.

SGT. 1ST CLASS HUGH SORIANO

A soldier with the 797th Engineer Company (Vertical), 9th Mission Support Command, goes through an accessories box for Federal Emergency Management Agency tents at the Koblerville Fire Station on Saipan on Nov. 7. The soldiers spent a day learning all the tent components and how to set it up.

U.S. ARMY STAFF SGT. COLIN MCMAHON

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres

Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog

"A Grateful Commonwealth"

Our ancestors were a brave people, who taught us the value of showing gratitude blessings they received. They showed us the gratitude for the safe journey to these beautiful for the many islands they settled as their own, gratitude for their health and security, and gratitude to live a their lives with their friends and loved ones in what we now call the Marianas. Our history reminds us that our people — from the very beginning — believed in the concept of inafa'maolek — doing good for one another in order to reach a common goal.

Like many of you, we'll spend this holiday weekend with family and friends, catching up, eating some great food, and enjoying each other's company. But before we fill our plates, let us remind ourselves to take this opportunity to be grateful for all of God's blessings, for the kindness of family and friends, and for our ongoing recovery from Typhoon Mangkhut and Super Typhoon Yutu.

Let's remember and be grateful for what keeps us together: our love for the Marianas, our commitment to progress, and our belief that if we all work hard together for the benefit of every single person who calls these islands home, our Marianas will be stronger than ever.

Thank you, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, and Ghilisow!
God bless you, and from our families to yours,
Happy Thanksgiving!

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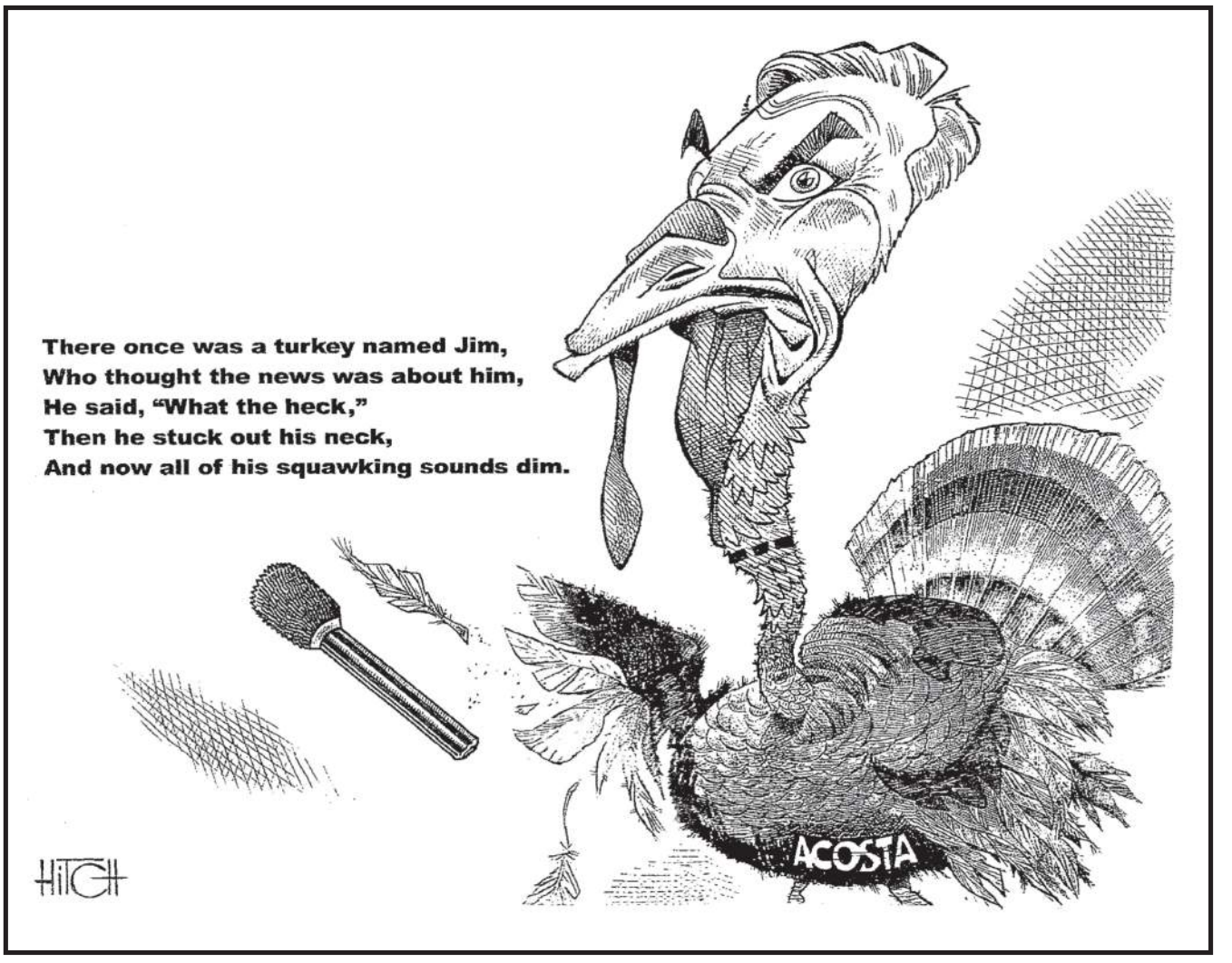
There once was a turkey named Jim,
Who thought the news was about him,
He said, "What the heck,"
Then he stuck out his neck,
And now all of his squawking sounds dim.
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EDITORIAL

California needs a reliable emergency alert system to save lives

When fast-moving fires swept through both suburban neighborhoods and rural enclaves in California wine country last year, many residents complained that they only learned of the late-night blaze from neighbors banging on their doors, barking dogs or calls from friends—not from official emergency alerts. With flames at their doorsteps, people had to grab what they could and flee. Some didn't evacuate in time; 44 people died.

That terrifying scene has continued to play out, again and again.

During the Carr fire last summer in Redding and Shasta County, some residents didn't receive evacuation orders in time, or at all. A grandmother and her two grandchildren died when fire engulfed their trailer. Their family said they never got word of the evacuation order and didn't know they were in danger until it was too late.

And this month, many residents in Paradise said they didn't get emergency alerts as the Camp fire closed in on the town. Others said they received official notifications only after it was already obvious that their lives were in danger. More than 60 people died in the fire and more than 600 people were still missing Friday.

In each case, local officials said the fires moved so fast and so unpredictably that their emergency alert systems couldn't keep pace. And it is certainly true that California has been experiencing more ferocious, destructive, swiftly spreading fires in recent years—fueled by drought and warmer temperatures.

But the disasters have also revealed that the state's emergency warning systems, which are generally administered by cities and counties, are not working adequately. Residents understandably assume they'll receive notification well before they are in imminent danger, and with clear instructions on what to do, even if they haven't signed up in advance for alerts.

And why wouldn't they? We live in a hyper-connected world, and we're used to being bombarded with robocalls and Amber Alerts. There is an expectation that local authorities will use that technology in emergencies to provide accurate, essential information.

However, a state audit report following the wine country fires found that Sonoma County's emergency alert procedures were "uncoordinated and included gaps, overlaps and redundancies."

Those problems are not unique to Santa Rosa, experts say. Local alert systems across the state are inconsistent, underfunded and ill-prepared for fast-moving emergencies. Many counties and cities in California have relied on reverse 911 systems that automatically dial landlines. But as

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Giving thanks for values we share

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In this Thanksgiving week, we really ought to focus, for just a bit, on our shared core values.

For example, think about the core values President Donald Trump's fervent supporters are so proudly proclaiming across their red baseball caps: "MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN."

Now think about the core values Trump's political opponents are proudly and patriotically proclaiming every time they respond that America has long been great – and still is. Many add that hopefully, we can work together to make America even greater.

Hmmm. Viewed from the lofty perspective of our core values, can it be that we may not be as far apart as we often think we are? Perhaps it depends upon how honest we are willing to be with ourselves.

Now let's consider another core value we all surely share: We Americans simply will never accept anyone who dishonors our military veterans.

A decade ago, I was so sure that was a forever red-white-and-blue core value that I adapted it for the subtitle of a book I wrote about the failures of Department of Veterans Affairs to serve our military veterans. Beneath the title ("Vets Under Siege") I added this subtitle: "How America Deceives and Dishonors Those Who Fight Our Battles."

But this week, the dishonoring of those who fight our battles was given shockingly new prominence.

On "Fox News Sunday" with Chris Wallace, President Donald Trump bizarrely lashed out at the four-star admiral who devised the plan and commanded the 2011 Navy SEAL special operations mission that killed Osama bin Laden, who masterminded the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Trump called Adm. William McRaven a "Hillary Clinton fan" and an "Obama backer" and contended bin Laden should have been caught quicker. "Wouldn't it have been nice if we got Osama bin Laden a lot sooner than that, wouldn't it have been nice?" Trump said. He added bin Laden was "living in Pakistan, right next to the military academy, everybody in Pakistan knew he was there."

Retired military and intelligence top officials rushed to counter-explain that finding bin Laden was the CIA's job, not McRaven's. Former intelligence and military officials sharply criticized Trump for attacking the much-admired admiral.

McRaven, meanwhile, explain he never endorsed anyone for president in 2016 and that he was a fan of Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, both of whom he served prominently.

"I admire all presidents, regardless of their political party, who uphold the dignity of the office and who use that office to bring the nation together in challenging times," McRaven said in a statement.

To understand what motivated Trump's sudden attack on the retired admiral, you need to remember that last year, McRaven, who was chancellor of the University of Texas following his military career, criticized Trump for repeatedly calling the news media the "enemy of the people." He said Trump's repeated attacks on the media were the greatest threat to democracy he'd ever seen.

The retired admiral also strongly supported former CIA Director John Brennan, whose security clearance Trump had revoked. Writing in a Washington Post op-ed, McRaven wrote that the president had "embarrassed us in the eyes of our children, humiliated us on the world stage and, worst of all, divided us as a nation."

Everyone who has observed Trump's ways understood it was only a matter of time before Trump lashed back at McRaven, despite the fact that he is revered as a genuine American hero.

Indeed, if we think back to the days when we first saw Trump's fine MAGA hats, we may also recall another time when we witnessed a most shameful dishonoring of those who served (yes, by Trump!). It involved Trump's shocking comment about a universally revered American hero of the Vietnam War, one who was not only imprisoned and tortured by the North Vietnamese captors, but who heroically refused to accept an early release because he was the son of a famous U.S. admiral.

Yes, John McCain, former naval pilot whose plane was shot down over North Vietnam.

At a 2015 Family Leadership Summit in Iowa, Trump, who received four deferments – one for bone spurs – and never served in the military, blurted this about McCain: "He's not a war hero. He was a war hero because he was captured. I like people who weren't captured."

(Soulless is as soulless does.)

And this brings us to our ultimate, shared core value: John McCain, who died this year, helped make America great, again and again. This week, we are thankful for all he gave us.

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How to keep peace at your Thanksgiving table

Uh-oh, it's here again. The day we are supposed to use to give collective thanks for our blessings, but we fear that our Thanksgiving table will become a bloody battleground, not over who gets the wishbone, but between the left and right wings of the family.

The fear of dysfunction is not imaginary.

"Argumentation could be high, as there are so many points of contention, our porcupine politics have so many painful sticking points that just about everyone has something they feel is significant to complain about," says Temple University psychologist Frank Farley, past president of the American Psychological Association.

With feelings running hot, you might fear Uncle Harry using a drumstick to beat some sense into Cousin Roy, and Aunt Henrietta throwing the candied sweet potatoes at Niece Pearl.

We can agree that Donald Trump is an unpresidential president, a disrupter who eschews decorum. His foes hate him for it, but those are precisely the qualities his fans love.

Since compromise is unlikely, Farley suggests either banning political conversation, or allowing everyone to have a "brief say on the political front."

I would go with the gag order because no one will agree on what "brief" means.

So we won't talk about Donald Trump at the table, or Hillary. Or all the other candidates. Or past presidents.

Also banned _ in no particular order: abortion, gun control, the opioid crisis, the "stolen" election in Florida, the "stolen" election in Georgia, illegal immigration, taxes, tariffs, climate change, Afghanistan, and how bad the Eagles suck.

Wait! We can discuss how bad the Eagles suck. We agree on that.

A bit of tactical advice: Seat natural combatants on the same side of the table, two seats apart. No eye contact.

We have a prohibited subject list, but we don't want dinner to be a silent movie, so we must have safe topics that are interesting, too. Here's where Your Favorite Columnist comes to the rescue with conversation starters. Each guest selects a question, sight unseen, and gives an answer. It's like Truth or Dare, but without the dark edge. The question "why?" should follow most questions.

If you could be a famous person for a week, who would that be?

Who was the most influential person in your life?

What two items would you save if your house were on fire?

Looking at the past, what's the thing you miss most?

By STU BYKOFSKY
Philly.com

If you could eat only three foods for the rest of your life, what would they be?

What was the last thing you did for the first time?

What is your favorite family tradition, and are you passing it on?

What would you make vanish forever?

What super power do you wish you had?

If you could live at any earlier time, what period would you choose?

Who is the person, living or dead, you would love to have dinner with?

How would you spend $10,000 won in the lottery?

What age would you like to be again?

If you were trapped in a TV show, which would it be?

What is your favorite way to spend a Saturday night?

We return to Temple professor Farley to close on a positive note: "Most people value family over politics," he says, "and a Thanksgiving together can reaffirm that value."

That's my Thanksgiving wish for you and yours.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

Un dangkulo na si yuus maase to all the volunteers and organizations—on island and off island—for helping our CNMI community recover from the ravages of Super Typhoon Yutu. God bless you all.

I understand that the CNMI Department of Public Works will pick up plant, tin, and construction trash in the villages of northern Saipan if homeowners place the trash by the side of the road. My neighbors and I sincerely hope that Public Works will pick up the trash in Sadog Tasi soon.

Thank you.

Lupe Borja-Robinson
Sadog Tasi, Saipan

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more people use cellphones instead of landlines, that system becomes increasingly ineffective. Because of that, officials in some communities have relied on residents to voluntarily sign up for emergency phone calls. But sign-up levels are low.

Local authorities can tap the federal Wireless Emergency Alert system to send an Amber Alert-like message to any mobile phone within range of a working cell tower. But investigations following the recent deadly fires found that officials haven't used the system much, relying instead on private vendors' systems that don't reach as many people. Some agencies, particularly in small counties with limited staff, were unfamiliar with how to use the federal system. Others feared a mass message that went out too broadly could cause a panic that makes evacuations more difficult. Those are legitimate issues.

In response, the Federal Communication Commission adopted new rules earlier this year requiring wireless providers to deliver emergency alerts to more geographically precise areas by November 2019. That should encourage local authorities to use the alerts more frequently. A bill signed by Gov. Jerry Brown in September will set statewide standards for when and how to warn the public about wildfires, floods and other emergencies.

If California is going to protect its residents from the growing threat of wildfires, the state has to prepare for the unpredictable. Alerts alone won't save lives. Even if every resident of Paradise had received the first official notification of the fire and had begun to evacuate, they still might have been overtaken by the incredibly fast-moving fire or possibly been trapped in traffic on the few roads out of town.

Yet compared to the other more expensive and more politically fraught work needed to make California more wildfire-resilient—such as requiring property owners to retrofit their homes with fire-safe materials, restricting development in high-fire areas and thinning and burning dense, overgrown forests—developing comprehensive, reliable emergency alert systems should be a relatively easy way to save lives.

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I can't wait for leftovers, they're the best part

Leftovers are not only the best part of Thanksgiving; for many of us, leftovers are actually the best parts of life.

Most people won't give you the evil eye if you're going for what remains after they've made their choices. I learned early that if you focus your appetite on what others don't want, you can feast every day. Here's the real secret: The trifles, scraped off the sides, have the best flavor.

I live for scraps. I want the bits—the burnt parts, the crispiest pieces, the gravy and the bones.

When Bruce Springsteen sings, on the "Tunnel of Love" album, about the way that "spare parts and broken hearts" keep the world turning, he gets it right. That which functions meticulously, elegantly and impeccably is not what we'll find at either humanity's core or the center of most kitchens. Real life is messy and not always perfectly timed.

But the toughest parts of what's left over keep.

Delicacies have to be consumed the moment they're presented or else they can kill you. Would you like salmon mousse served on thinly sliced avocado seven hours after it was plated? Not if you want to spend the next day upright. How about if I throw some stuffing into the gravy and heat it up? Want that for a snack? I make stuffing from stale bread. There is basically no expiration date.

Thanksgiving, more than any other holiday, is all about leftovers. Celebrating gratitude, bounty and harvest, Thanksgiving is about the relief you feel when you have more than enough. That signature sense of satisfaction is ideally braided with the recognition of both community and interdependence.

Thanksgiving is also, of course, about imitating the first feast offered by native people to uninvited visitors who ended up surprising them by being the People Who Would Never Leave. In this manner, they set the pattern. Thanksgiving is indeed the holiday of people who never know when it's time for them to go.

One of the primary reasons you want them to go is so that you can start on the leftovers.

With leftovers you can help yourself. "Help yourself" is a wonderful phrase because it works in every context: You can use it as a rebuke to those who are lazy, you can use it as an invitation to those who seem hesitant and, if you're Tom Jones in 1966, you can use it to turn yourself into a sex object rather than turn women into one.

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The Hartford Courant

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Helping yourself to leftovers means not waiting to be served, not having to stick to certain portions and not having to balance your diet. To eat leftovers, you don't actually even have to sit down. The food is up for grabs—sometimes quite literally. Turkey that had been served beautifully, eaten gracefully, savored over the course of hours and discussed as a delicacy on Thursday can, by Friday, be eaten while being held in one fist while the other hand is grabbing a can of diet soda from the fridge.

If Thanksgiving is about following recipes and cooking inside the lines, leftovers are about cooking and eating outside the lines. We can employ the language of those in marketing and instead of calling them leftovers, refer to them as previously loved, environmentally friendly, gently used and repurposed.

While nobody wants food that's been around so long it can be labeled "collectable," a lot of leftovers have some serious shelf life. Mistakes in preparation of leftovers, far less serious than errors in the original main meal, can lead to delicious inventions. Think turkey tetrazzini, pot pie and club sandwich.

And some things are simply better the second time around. These include pasta, turkey and love.

There are, in fact, a number of book series called "Second Chance at Love." Personally, I'd like to start an imprint called "Second Chance at Lasagna." Let's just say that it would have a wider audience. We could modify the food themes as well. For St. Patrick's Day, there'd be "Second Chance at Beer" and the obvious choice for Thanksgiving would be "Second Chance at Giblets." Second helpings can lead to serendipitous pairings: they're the blind dates and meeting cutes of the food world.

Sustaining works or art can be created from what's been put aside, thrown away or left over. Help yourself.

36th CRG continues recovery assistance on Tinian

By KELSEY HOCKENBERGER
COMMANDER, TASK FORCE 75

Heat rises off the asphalt as the tires to a transport aircraft land on the grey surface. The propellers slice through the air as Tech. Sgt. Jedadiah Hutt, assigned to the 36th Contingency Response Group, from Fort Collins, Colo., uses his hands to guide the plane to a halt.

The cargo door rises as a 10K adverse terrain forklift approaches. Inside, the forks reach underneath a pallet and lift it off the deck. As the forklift reverses from the plane, a pallet holding reinforced plastic sheeting is revealed during recovery operations on Nov. 17.

Airmen assigned to the 36th CRG, from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, transport cargo from the parking apron at Tinian International Airport while supporting Defense Support of Civil Authorities to the CNMI's civil and local officials as part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency-supported Super Typhoon Yutu recovery efforts.

"When I see that plane fly into Tinian carrying essential cargo, such as food, water, emergency shelters and generators, I know it's a sign of hope to the people," said Master Sgt. Tsoon Lai, assigned to the 36th CRG, from Delafield, Wisconsin. "We're here to bring that hope to the community and help uplift their spirits."

The eight-man, self-sustaining team is ready to go at a moment's notice to support military and civilian aircraft flying to and from the airport.

"My team is very successful at gearing up and jumping on the flight-line at any moment to help transport cargo and personnel coming and going," said Master Sgt. Michael Sibley, 36th CRG team chief, from Pascagoula, Mississippi. "We train for this kind of operations, and I am proud to have a team that's effective at accomplishing the mission."

The 36th CRG airmen accomplish operations using two 10K adverse terrain forklifts, a K-loader and an R-11 fuel truck to assist up to four planes a day.

"The days can be long and exhausting when we're covering the flight-line," said Hutt. "It's worth the hard work because we're getting to see the food, water and emergency shelters, that we transport, go out and help our service members and the community."

Along with controlling airfield operations, the team maintains a fully operational camp and assists the community by downloading barges and clearing debris from the roads.

"There's some days where I'm operating the forklift until well after dark in an effort to provide additional help and support to our neighbors," said Sibley.

The 36th CRG airmen contributed to the transportation of 75,000 gallons of bottled water, over 28,000 meals, 1,000 hot meals, and over 490 emergency shelters in support of FEMA recovery operations, the community, and military forces belonging to the Air Force, Navy and Marines.

The 36th CRG trains, organizes, equips and leads cross-functional forces providing initial Air Force presence to potentially austere forward operation locations as directed by commander Pacific Air Force. It is a rapid-deployment unit designed at the initiative of Air Force leadership to be a "first-in" force to secure an airfield and establish and maintain airfield operations.

The 36th CRG is composed of the 36th Mobility Response Squadron, the 554th Red Horse Squadron, the 644th Combat Communications Squadron and the 736th Security Forces Squadron.

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Public urged to report pipe leaks, erratic water supply

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is encouraging all residents to report any and all pipe leaks as water service areas go online.

It said in a statement Tuesday night that assessment continues in affected areas and ongoing repairs will assist with maintaining water service schedules.

Residents are urged to inform the Call Center immediately at 664-4282 to mitigate water leaks that severely affect water supply and scheduled service.

CUC asks for the community's continued patience and understanding while recovery and restoration efforts continue.

For more information, monitor the CUC Facebook page for the latest updates at (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/) or call the CUC Call Center: (670) 664-4282, CUC Outage Hotline: (670) 236-4333, CUC Rota: (670) 532-9411/9413, or CUC Tinian: (670) 433-9261/9264/9265. ***(PR)***

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Business

Renault board: Ghosn to remain CEO while detained in Japan

PARIS (AP)—Carlos Ghosn will remain chairman and CEO of Renault despite being detained in Japan on allegations he misused assets of partner Nissan Motor Co. and under-reported millions of dollars in income.

Ghosn

The French carmaker's board of directors announced its decision after an emergency meeting in Paris on Tuesday.

The board, however, said it was appointing the automaker's No. 2 executive, Chief Operating Officer Thierry Bollore, to temporarily fill in for Ghosn.

"Mr. Ghosn, temporarily incapacitated, remains chairman and chief executive officer," a statement from Renault's board said. But while Ghosn deals with his legal issues in Japan, Bollore will have the same authority to run the company as the CEO, it added.

Renault's board said its decision was made with an eye toward keeping the company on a steady course "to preserve the interests of the group and the continuity of its operations."

Japanese prosecutors were considering Tuesday whether to file formal charges against Ghosn.

Ghosn runs Renault, Nissan and the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi alliance that he helped turn into the world's biggest car-seller last year, and both France and Japan want to keep it intact.

Renault's move to appoint a temporary leader was in line with a demand by the French government, which owns a 15 percent stake in the automaker. Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire had said earlier Tuesday that Ghosn was not in position to lead the Renault Group while fighting the accusations in Japan.

The decision not to part ways with the CEO may also reflect the esteem in France for Ghosn, who recently met with President Emmanuel Macron, and had met with four past presidents.

Renault's board, meanwhile, said it is requesting that Nissan pass along details of its investigation into Ghosn's alleged wrongdoing.

Japanese prosecutors said they were holding Ghosn, 64, for allegedly collaborating to falsify securities statements and underreporting $44.6 million in income from 2011 to 2015. A second Nissan executive, Greg Kelly, was also suspected of collaborating with him.

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Nation

‘We need hundreds’: Fire victims’ families urged to give DNA

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Authorities are using a powerful tool in their effort to identify the scores of people killed by the wildfire that ripped through Northern California: rapid DNA testing that produces results in just two hours.

The system can analyze DNA from bone fragments or other remains, then match it to genetic material provided by relatives of the missing. But the technology depends on people coming forward to give a DNA sample via a cheek swab, and so far, there are not nearly as many volunteers as authorities had hoped for.

As of Tuesday, nearly two weeks after the inferno devastated the town of Paradise and surrounding areas, the number of confirmed dead stood at 81, and the sheriff’s list of those unaccounted for had about 700 names.

But only about 60 people had provided samples to pop-up labs at the Butte County Sheriff’s office in Oroville and an old Sears building in Chico, where the Federal Emergency Management Agency set up a disaster relief center, said Annette Mattern, a spokeswoman for ANDE, the Longmont, Colorado, company that is donating the technology.

“We need hundreds,” Mattern said. “We need a big enough sample for us to make a positive ID on these and to also give a better idea of how many losses there actually are.”

Confusion and conflicting information, the inability of relatives to travel to Northern California and mistrust of the government may be contributing to the low number.

Tara Quinones hadn’t heard anything from her uncle, David Marbury, for eight days before she drove north from the San Francisco Bay Area to give a sample Friday. A worker used a small tool to scrape her cheek, took three swabs of skin and asked her detailed questions about who she was looking for and their relationship.

The uncle’s landlord confirmed his house burned down with his vehicle still in the garage, but Quinones had no idea if any remains were found. Marbury’s name keeps going on and off the ever-changing list of the missing.

“I did it just to be proactive,” Quinones said Monday. “This is the one way I could contribute to helping find my uncle.”

Some of those who have given DNA came forward, like Quinones, after learning about the identification effort in their desperate search for a loved one, others after the sheriff’s office called to say that remains that probably belonged to a family member had been found.

Mattern declined to say Tuesday how many victims ANDE’s technology has helped identify. Sheriff Kory Honea’s office did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The fire was 75 percent contained Tuesday. Rain in the forecast for Wednesday through Thanksgiving weekend could aid in fighting the fire but could also bring flash floods and complicate efforts to recover remains.

Once DNA is extracted from the remains, it is placed in a vial that goes into a black machine that looks like a bulky computer printer. It takes just two hours to process the material and get a DNA profile; traditional methods can take days or weeks. If a relative’s DNA is already in the system, a match will pop up right away.

Mattern said it has been surprisingly easy to get DNA from remains, despite the devastating damage done by the flames.

“We went in with pretty measured expectations, we didn’t know what we were walking into,” she said. “We have a tremendous database now of the victims of the fire.”

Ruth Dickover, director of the forensic science graduate program at the University of California-Davis, said that scientists have long been able to extract DNA from bone—a process that involves pulverizing the bone—but things can become more complicated if the remains of multiple people are mixed together.

“What’s left may not give you a nice beautiful profile,” she said.

ANDE won a contract in 2009 to do research and development for federal agencies, and the company’s technology has been used in pilot programs for several years. Over the summer, it won FBI approval for use in accredited labs. Law enforcement agencies in Utah, New York and Miami have used the technology, as has the military.

This is the first time ANDE has helped identify victims after a natural disaster. The company has donated seven machines and about a dozen workers to the effort.

Sarah Warren drove an hour and a half from Redding on Monday to report her uncle, Devan Ruel, as missing. The sheriff’s office gave her a number to call about missing people, and when she called, she was told authorities would contact her if they needed her DNA, she said.

She said no one told her about the collection desk at the old Sears, so she returned home without providing one.

Americans, Canadians are warned not to eat romaine lettuce

NEW YORK (AP)—Health officials in the U.S. and Canada told people Tuesday to stop eating romaine lettuce because of a new E. coli outbreak.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said it is working with officials in Canada on the outbreak, which has sickened 32 people in 11 states and 18 people in the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

The strain identified is different than the one linked to romaine earlier this year but appears similar to last year’s outbreak linked to leafy greens.

FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb said the agency doesn’t have enough information to ask suppliers for a recall, but he suggested that supermarkets and restaurants should withdraw romaine until the source of the contamination can be identified. People are also being advised to throw out any romaine they have at home.

The contaminated lettuce is likely still on the market, Gottlieb told The Associated Press in a phone interview.

He said FDA wanted to issue a warning before people gathered for Thanksgiving meals, where the potential for exposure could increase.

“We did feel some pressure to draw conclusions as quickly as we could,” he said.

In Canada, officials issued similar warnings to the two provinces where people were sickened. They said there was no evidence to suggest people in other parts of the country had been affected.

Most romaine sold this time of year is grown in California, Gottlieb said. The romaine lettuce linked to the E. coli outbreak earlier this year was from Yuma, Arizona. Tainted irrigation water appeared to be the source of that outbreak, which sickened about 200 people and killed five.

The FDA’s blanket warning in the current outbreak is broader and more direct than the ones issued in the earlier outbreak, said Robert Whitaker, chief science officer for the Produce Marketing Association. In the earlier outbreak, the warnings about romaine from Yuma might have been confusing, he said.

Whitaker said the industry group told members they should cooperate with the FDA and stop supplying romaine lettuce, especially since people have been told to stop buying and eating it.

No deaths have been reported in the current outbreak, but 13 people in the U.S. and six in Canada have been hospitalized. The last reported U.S. illness was on Oct. 31, while and the most recent illness in Canada was early this month.

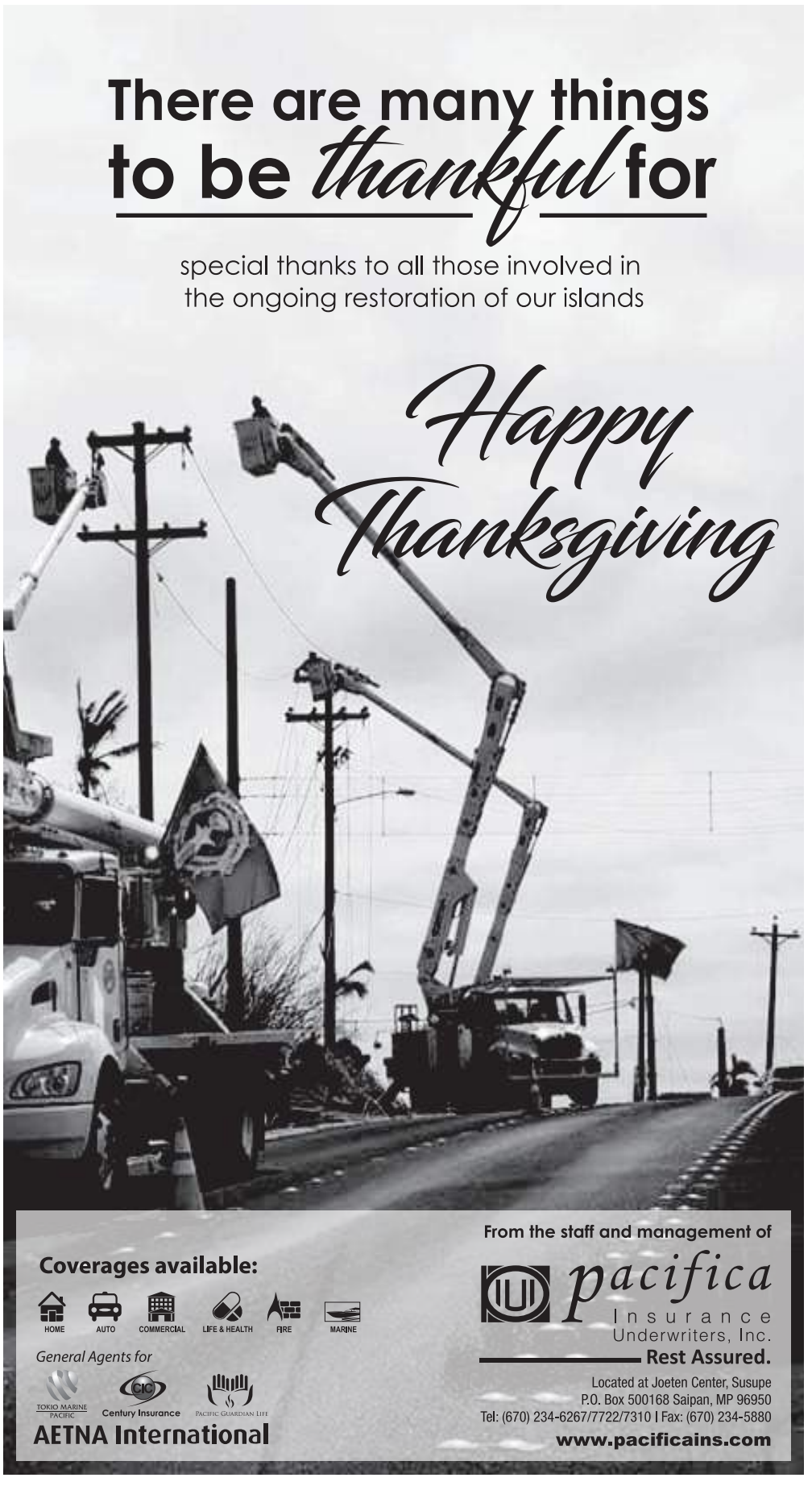
Tracing the source of contaminated lettuce can be difficult because it’s often repackaged by middlemen, said Sarah Sorscher, deputy director of regulatory affairs at the Center for Science in the Public Interest. That can mean the entire industry becomes implicated in outbreaks, even if not all products are contaminated.

“One of the problems with produce is that it can be very hard to trace back,” she said.

She said washing contaminated lettuce won’t ensure that harmful germs are killed.

Infections from E. coli can cause symptoms including severe stomach cramps, diarrhea and vomiting. Most people recover within a week, but some illnesses can last longer and be more severe.

Health officials have also been reminding people to properly handle and cook their Thanksgiving birds amid a widespread salmonella outbreak linked to raw turkey. Last week, Hormel recalled some packages of Jennie-O ground turkey that regulators were able to tie to an illness.



World

Caravan migrants weigh options after court blocks Trump ban

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP)—Migrants camped in Tijuana after traveling in a caravan to reach the U.S were weighing their options Tuesday after a California court blocked President Donald Trump's asylum ban for illegal border crossers.

Many said they have no intention of breaking the law, but were feeling pressure after anti-migrant protests in this Mexican border city and claims by Trump and the Tijuana mayor that the caravan harbors gang members and criminals, something they strongly deny.

Keven Paul Mejia, a 27-year-old former security guard from the Honduran capital, Tegucigalpa, said there were some delinquents traveling with the group of several thousand who smoke marijuana and get drunk.

But, he said, most are like him, just hoping to land a job in the U.S. "There are more of us who are good, than bad," Mejia said.

Herson Cordonez, a 29-year-old Honduran, said the actions of a few migrants were tainting the image of the 4,000 to 6,000 in the caravan, not all of whom have yet reached Tijuana. "We are not criminals, we are migrant workers,"Cordonez said, adding that he was considering trying to get into Canada if the U.S. doesn't want him.

On Tuesday, Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen visited a San Diego Pacific Coast beach examining up close the newly installed razor wire wrapped around a towering border wall that cuts across the sand. On the Tijuana side, dozens of onlookers gathered with cellphones to take pictures of her arrival through the fence.

"This is a border wall with row upon row of concertina wire," Nielsen said. "Make no mistake, we are very serious. You will not get into our country illegally."

She said there were as many as 500 criminals and gang member in the groups heading northward, though she refused to answer questions about how they were identified or what crimes they had committed. She added that caravan migrants had assaulted "border police in multiple countries," even using "incendiary devices," though she provided no evidence.

A day earlier, Tijuana officials said they had arrested 34 caravan members for drug possession, public intoxication, disturbing the peace and resisting police, and they would be deported to their home countries

Nielsen said there were 6,200 migrants already camped in Tijuana and another 3,000 in Mexicali, a few hours' drive to the east. She said most were young single men who have no legitimate claim to U.S. asylum, adding that wanting to get a job in the U.S. or be reunited with family were not reasons to be allowed in.

Less than an hour before Nielsen's arrival a man tried to swim into the U.S. but was quickly detained by border patrol agents. Five agents were on jet skis offshore along with two border patrol boats, while two drones on the Mexican side hovered just above the wall to get a view of the activity.

Tijuana Mayor Juan Manuel Gastelum has made a point of saying the city is not happy with the migrants who began arriving last week, and he compared the Central American group unfavorably with about 3,000 Haitians who ended up staying after their bid to reach the U.S. failed last year.

"The Haitians arrived with their papers, with a clear vision," Gastelum said in an interview posted on the city's Facebook page. They came "in an orderly way, they never asked us for food or shelter," renting apartments and making their own food. He said the Haitians found jobs and "inserted themselves in the city's economy" and had not been involved in any disturbances.

By contrast, Gastelum said, the caravan of Central Americans, "had arrived all of sudden, with a lot of people—not all ... but a lot—were aggressive and cocky."

The Mexican government gave the Haitians temporary transit permits, and after they failed in attempts to enter the United States, many have since applied for Mexican residency. The majority in the Central American caravan have refused Mexico's repeated offers of residency or asylum, and vowed to cross the border.

Xi: Talks on pact to avoid sea clashes could end in 3 years

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Chinese President Xi Jinping said Tuesday negotiations between Beijing and Southeast Asian nations on a nonaggression pact to prevent clashes in the disputed South China Sea could be concluded in three years and promised that any differences will be dealt with peacefully.

Xi made the assurances after holding talks with President Rodrigo Duterte and other officials on a visit to the Philippines aimed at deepening relations with the American treaty ally.

Xi's overnight visit to the Philippine capital, Manila, was his last stop on a three-nation swing through Asia, where he has offered infrastructure loans and aid and championed free trade amid a rivalry for regional influence with the United States.

"We will continue to manage contentious issues and promote maritime cooperation through friendly consultation," Xi said. He said China aims to conclude the talks on the "code of conduct" in the disputed waters with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations within three years.

Four members of the 10-nation bloc—Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam—along with China and Taiwan have overlapping claims in the South China Sea. Many fear the long-simmering disputes could spark an armed conflict that could shatter Asia's bustling economies.

Ahead of Xi's visit, China and the Philippines tried to negotiate an agreement allowing joint oil and gas exploration in the disputed waters, but apparently did not reach a consensus. They signed a "memorandum of understanding on cooperation on oil and gas development" on Tuesday but officials provided few details.

"It's a cooperation to find ways to find a solution," Philippine Energy Secretary Alfonso Cusi said of the agreement.

China has sought a "maritime and air liaison mechanism," an arrangement for forces of the two countries to coordinate their naval and aircraft movements to prevent incidents in the contested waters, but the proposal has been opposed by Philippine defense officials, two Philippine officials told The Associated Press.

There was no mention of the pact after Tuesday's meetings.

Filipino nationalists have warned that any agreement that can undermine the Philippines' internationally recognized exclusive rights to fish and exploit resources within 200 nautical miles of the country's coast would violate the Philippine Constitution.

Beijing's relations with Manila deteriorated over the territorial rifts until Duterte won the presidency in mid-2016 and sought to rebuild ties with China while criticizing U.S. security policies in a dramatic pivot. The administration of Duterte's predecessor, Benigno Aquino III, had brought the territorial disputes with China to international arbitration and won, but China has ignored the outcome.

As we move forward in our recovery efforts from both Typhoon Mangkhut and Super Typhoon Yutu, we are reminded of the hard work being done every day by our local and federal first responders. We want to express our sincerest gratitude to our CNMI Emergency Operations Center staff, the CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, FEMA, the Department of Defense, the American Red Cross, our law enforcement officers, our volunteer organizations, and our private sector partners. Let's remember and be grateful for what keeps us together: our love for the Marianas, our commitment to progress, and our belief that if we all work hard together for the benefit of every single person who calls these islands home, our Marianas will be stronger than ever.
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Environment

Dead whale had 115 plastic cups, 2 flip-flops in its stomach

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—A dead whale that washed ashore in eastern Indonesia had a large lump of plastic waste in its stomach, including drinking cups, bottles and flip-flops, a park official said Tuesday, causing concern among environmentalists and government officials in one of the world's largest plastic-polluting countries.

Rescuers from Wakatobi National Park found the rotting carcass of the 9.5-meter (31-foot) sperm whale late Monday near the park in Southeast Sulawesi province after hearing that villagers were beginning to butcher the rotting carcass, park chief Heri Santoso said.

Santoso said researchers from wildlife conservation group WWF and the park's conservation academy found about 5.9 kilograms (13 pounds) of plastic waste in the animal's stomach containing 115 plastic cups, four plastic bottles, 25 plastic bags, 2 flip-flops, a nylon sack and more than 1,000 other assorted pieces of plastic.

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In this undated photo released by Akademi Komunitas Kelautan dan Perikanan Wakatobi (Wakatobi Marine and Fisheries Community Academy or AKKP Wakatobi), researchers collect samples from the carcass of a beached whale at Wakatobi National Park in Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia.

"Although we have not been able to deduce the cause of death, the facts that we see are truly awful," said Dwi Suprapti, a marine species conservation coordinator at WWF Indonesia.

She said it was not possible to determine if the plastic had caused the whale's death because of the animal's advanced state of decay.

Indonesia, an archipelago of 260 million people, is the world's second-largest plastic polluter after China, according to a study published in the journal Science in January. It produces 3.2 million tons of mismanaged plastic waste a year, of which 1.29 million tons ends up in the ocean, the study said.

Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan, Indonesia's coordinating minister of maritime affairs, said the whale's discovery should raise public awareness about the need to reduce plastic use, and had spurred the government to take tougher measures to protect the ocean.

"I'm so sad to hear this," said Pandjaitan, who recently has campaigned for less use of plastic. "It is possible that many other marine animals are also contaminated with plastic waste and this is very dangerous for our lives."

He said the government is making efforts to reduce the use of plastic, including urging shops not to provide plastic bags for customers and teaching about the problem in schools nationwide to meet a government target of reducing plastic use by 70 percent by 2025.

"This big ambition can be achieved if people learn to understand that plastic waste is a common enemy," he told The Associated Press.

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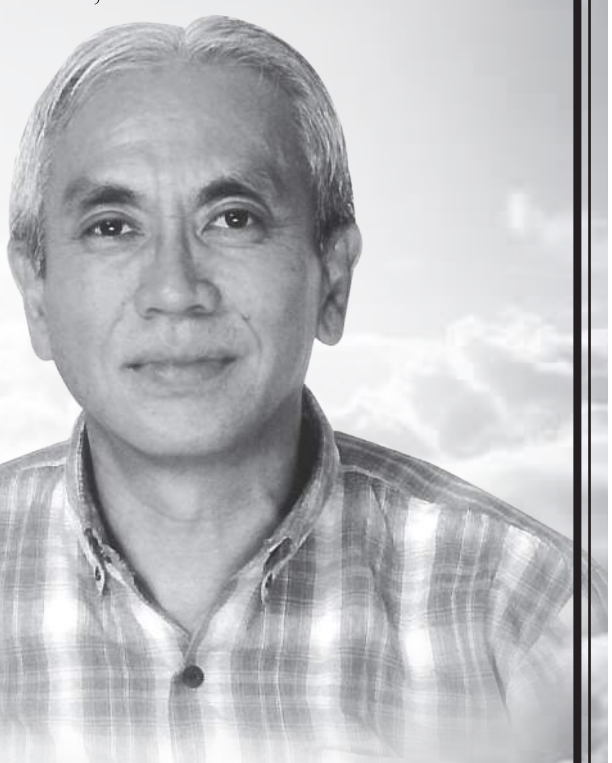
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Joaquin "Zack/Jack" Santos Cruz

July 12, 1953 -- November 17, 2018



In his new life, he now joins his:

Parents: †Alejandro Agualo Cruz
†Sylvia Castro Santos

Brothers: †Juan Santos Cruz
†Henry Santos Cruz
†Alejandro Santos Cruz

Parents In-law: †Antonio Santos Palacios
†Magdalena Borja Palacios

Brothers & Sisters-in-law:
†Francisco Borja Palacios
†Ignacio Borja Palacios
†Catalina Borja Palacios
†Remedio Borja Palacios

He will be greatly missed by:

His wife: Rebecca Palacios Cruz

His children: Becky and Wilfred Lizama
Quinn Cruz

His only grandchild: Brandon Cruz Lizama

Brothers & Sisters: Jose Santos Cruz and family
Teresita Cruz Guerrero and family
Anita Santos Cruz and family
Mary Santos Cruz and family
Julia Cruz Caguioa and family
Frances Cruz Tedpahago and family
Rosario Cruz San Agustin and family
Anthony Santos Cruz and family
Margarita Cruz Sablan and family
June Cruz Tajalle and family

Brothers-in-law & Sisters-in-law:
Adolpho Borja Palacios and family
Patricia Palacios DeBeer and family
Edward Borja Palacios and family
Lucia Borja Palacios and family
Ruth Palacios Manley and family
Tina Borja Palacios and family
Jose Borja Palacios and family

Zack also remains in the hearts of numerous family, extended family, and friends (including the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation family). Zach loved listening to music. His favorite song was 'Peaceful Easy Feeling' by The Eagles. He loved his Rock and Roll music. He played musical instruments including the guitar and piano. He was a sports fanatic and his favorite team was the Green Bay Packers. He used to love playing basketball and even more so, had a knack for telling jokes. His life was his grandson, Brandon, whom he would talk to about football, school and life. Brandon knows him only as "Ampa Teo." His kindness and hospitable nature will be missed by many people.

Daily Mass is offered at 6:00 pm at Santa Soledad Church in Saipan (except on Thursday, 11/22/18 at 8 a.m.). On Saturday, November 24, his remains will be escorted from CHC at 7:30 a.m. to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Ghilisow for your thoughts and prayers.

The Family

Life & Style

Michael B. Jordan, now a Hollywood heavyweight, punches up

NEW YORK (AP)—If Michael B. Jordan's path to this moment was condensed and edited, it might look, appropriately, like a training montage.

Images of Jordan cutting his teeth on the Baltimore streets of "The Wire" and the Texas football fields of "Friday Night Lights," followed by hints of a soaring talent ("Red Tails," ″Chronicle"), shattering breakthroughs ("Fruitvale Station") and setbacks ("Fantastic Four") before reaching, with a pair of haymakers ("Creed," ″Black Panther"), heavyweight status.

Parallel to Jordan's steady rise has been the 31-year-old's expanding sway behind the scenes in Hollywood. His production company, Outlier Society Productions, was among the first to embrace the inclusion rider, adopting the pledge to seek diverse casts and crews just days after Frances McDormand referenced it at the Oscars. Jordan was also influential on a similar agreement by WarnerMedia, making Warner Bros. the sole major studio thus far to sign up.

"He's always been a big-idea guy," says Ryan Coogler, who directed Jordan in "Fruitvale Station," ″Creed" and "Black Panther." ″He's always been conscious of his own responsibility."

"Creed II," which opens in theaters Wednesday, finds Jordan's character, Adonis Creed—like the actor, himself—adjusting to his newfound prominence: reaching the pinnacle of his profession while still having to fight for what he believes in. As Steven Caple Jr.'s boxing drama prepared to open in theaters, Jordan went door-to-door in Georgia urging people to vote in the midterm elections.

"You've been doing one thing for 20 years. Constantly working at it, trying to grow and become successful, or whatever your version of success is. And then you have a moment in time where everything seems to be coming together at the same time. Everything seems to be happening. But you live in a society, in a world that's kind of going to s---," Jordan said in a recent interview. "So to be able to use one to help the other, is something. To try to find your voice."

Jordan

It's an answer with shades of Jordan's typical performance: earnest, thoughtful, tinged with pain. Then he exhales.

"I don't know, man," says Jordan. "Honestly, there's a lot going on right now and I'm trying to find my place in all of it, professionally and personally."

A big part of Jordan's quest was "Black Panther," in which he played Erik Killmonger. The part is ostensibly a villain, but in Jordan's hands, Killmonger—a wounded, fatherless warrior bent on reparations through violence—has a depth uncommon if not outright alien to comic-book films. Between Killmonger and the Wakanda leader T'Challa (Chadwick Boseman) is a larger dialogue, one fraught with history, between African identity and the African diaspora.

"Making a movie, you rarely come out the other side the same. You either grow or regress. I came out a different man," says Coogler. "The conversation that was had between T'Challa and Killmonger, what it means to be African—I didn't know I needed that movie as much as I did until after I made it. I look back and I say: 'Man, I really needed that. I needed that conversation.'"

The performance has made Jordan one of this year's leading supporting actor contenders for the Academy Awards. Coogler praises his friend's vulnerability in a complicated role.

"He was one of the few African-American characters and he was carrying the weight of that cultural representation," says Coogler. "Mike brings a lot of the empathy with him, as a person and as a performer. That's one of the things that makes him special. Almost as soon as you see him, you empathize with him."

Just as "Creed II" is opening in theaters, "Black Panther" is returning to them. On Nov. 27, it screens for free in arthouse theaters nationwide, a few months after wrapping up its $1.35 billion run worldwide. "Black Panther," the year's biggest domestic blockbuster and most resonant cultural event, left a mark on Jordan.

"Playing Killmonger, carrying that oppression, that feeling of being a representation of the African diaspora, I felt a certain pressure and responsibility to get it right. That was a very maturing process for me," Jordan says. "To be very unapologetic, I had to play that role."

A sequel to the acclaimed 2015 spinoff (it grossed $173.6 million worldwide on a $35 million budget), "Creed II" was fast-tracked by MGM in part to capitalize on the success of "Black Panther" and Jordan's growing profile. Caple, whose feature debut was the 2016 indie film "The Land," had his first meeting with producers around Thanksgiving last year. By the first week of January, he was in Philadelphia getting ready to shoot.

Caple preserved and expanded upon Coogler's naturalistic approach, and the film's best scenes unlock raw intimacies outside the ring. Especially notable is the chemistry between Jordan and Tessa Thompson, who plays Adonis' girlfriend ("Mike feeds off of Tessa a lot," says Caple), and the surprising pathos of the father-son relationship between Ivan Drago (Dolph Lundgren) and Viktor Drago (Florian Munteanu). In an echo of "Rocky IV," the younger Drago is Adonis' foe this time.

Caple credits Jordan for the film's emotional authenticity.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Martha Stewart's first Uber ride was 'a mess inside and out'

NEW YORK (AP)—Martha Stewart's first Uber ride was not a good thing. Stewart ordered the "most expensive version" Monday outside Tiffany's flagship store in New York City. As Stewart explained on Instagram , she wanted to be picked up on Fifth Avenue and 57th Street. Stewart wrote the first car did not show up and the second parked "halfway down" the street where she "could not see the license plate." That car was pointed in the wrong direction, delaying her journey as the car snaked through midtown Manhattan traffic. But the worst part was the car "was a mess inside and out!!!!!!!!" She posted a picture that showed debris on the floor and two water bottles. Uber says it was disappointed to hear about Stewart's first experience and has reached out to her and her team.

Trump says he may attend White House correspondents' dinner

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump is suggesting he might attend next year's White House Correspondents Dinner now that the event is no longer featuring a comedian. Trump tweeted Tuesday night: "So-called comedian Michelle Wolf bombed so badly last year at the White House Correspondents' Dinner that this year, for the first time in decades, they will have an author instead of a comedian. Good first step in comeback of a dying evening and tradition! Maybe I will go?" The White House Correspondents' Association announced Monday that Pulitzer Prize-winning author Ron Chernow would address its annual dinner next year following the pushback over Wolf's sharply anti-Trump performance last time. Presidents traditionally attend the dinner, but Trump has skipped it for two straight years.

Aerosmith's Perry cancels tour after recent hospital visit

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Joe Perry has cancelled his fall tour to take time off after recently being hospitalized with breathing problems. The Aerosmith guitarist's publicist said in a statement Tuesday the 68-year-old will take the rest of the year off. He had expected to return to the road starting Nov. 30 through Dec. 16. Perry felt short of breath after a guest performance with Billy Joel at Madison Square Garden in New York. Paramedics backstage gave Perry oxygen and used a tracheal tube to clear his airway before taking him to the hospital. Perry had joined the 69-year-old Joel on stage for a rendition of Aerosmith's "Walk This Way." Perry says he apologizes to fans who planned to attend his shows. He expects to return next year.

Student earns failing grade as a vacation house-sitter

DEAR ABBY: Our family went away for a two-week vacation. One of my co-workers suggested I hire her daughter to stay in our home and take care of our pets and plants in our absence. The daughter is 20 years old and a student. We agreed upon a generous payment and paid her as soon as we got home.

Everything was fine, except our stockpile of Costco items (granola bars and juice boxes) out in the garage was nearly depleted. When I asked her about it, she texted me back almost in a joking way that she had helped herself and meant to replenish the supply, but it had slipped her mind. She had also "borrowed" a couple of items from our home she forgot to return (blow-dryer, a game and our wine glasses), but returned them once it was brought to her attention.

I was happy just to come home to my plants and animals being alive and our house in one piece. My husband, on the other hand, was not. He suggested I inform my co-worker that I won't be hiring her daughter again because she was very unprofessional. What is your opinion on the matter?

HOUSE-SITTING IN THE EAST

DEAR HOUSE-SITTING: I agree with your husband. Although the daughter isn't a professional house-sitter, she should not have taken items from your home without permission or without informing you about what she had "borrowed." And if she was not given permission to help herself to the goodies in your garage, she should have left them where they were or offered to compensate you for them upon your return. I suppose the omission could be chalked up to immaturity, but I do think it should be mentioned.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating this guy for 2 1/2 years. We started dating when he was separated and in the process of getting divorced. My friends and family have met him, but he has introduced me only to his friends. He didn't want me to meet his family until now. (I don't know why.) He has a 3-year-old daughter.

One day I sent him an article about "your kids shouldn't be the most important." Well, he became upset because he thought I was trying to separate him and his daughter. I tried to explain that the article says you should love yourself first, but he still misunderstood me. I told him I'm tired of him doubting us and my love. He isn't sure if we are going to get married in two years.

What should I do? I want this relationship to work, but at the same time I feel like he is dragging me nowhere.

VERY INSECURE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR VERY INSECURE: You say that although you have met this man's friends, you still have yet to meet any members of his family. Why not? After 2 1/2 years, this is a red flag. That after all this time he says he isn't sure he wants to marry you is an even bigger one.

Put your cards on the table with him as you have with me, and tell him you think it would be better for both of you to start seeing others because even after 2 1/2 years he still isn't ready for a commitment and you are.

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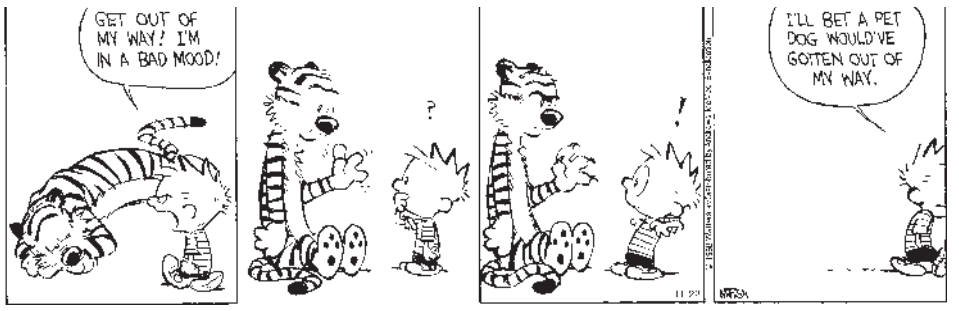

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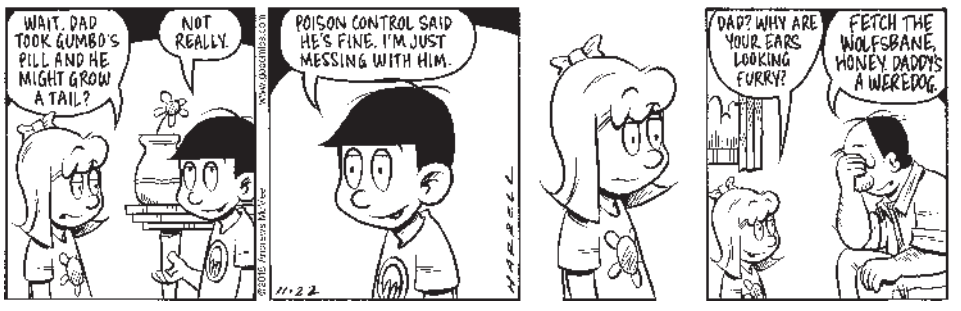
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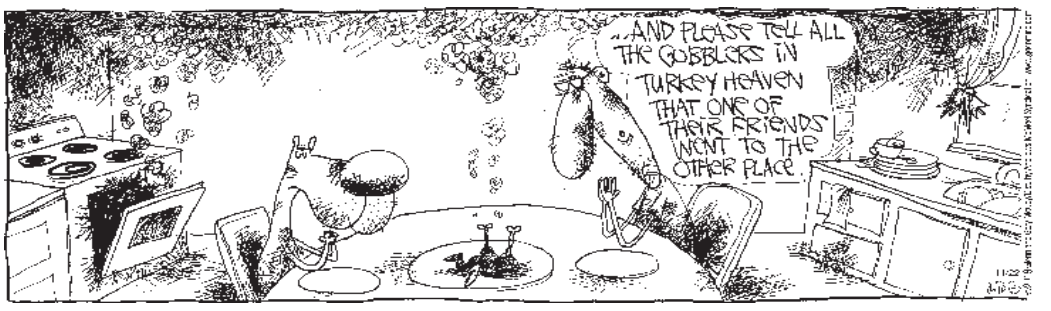

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By Eugene Sheffer

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5 "It's c-c-cold!"
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12 Roof overhang
13 Hugs, in a letter
14 Composer Porter
15 On the briny
16 Barn bird
17 Oklahoma city
18 Fencing move
20 Coffee bar orders
22 Spasm
23 Soviet space station
24 Skin care brand
27 Pub-going comic strip character
32 Shred
33 Curly's brother
34 Expert
35 Thanksgiving Day dessert
38 Gush
39 Nosh
40 "The Bells" author
42 Rich travelers
45 Chinese zodiac sign
49 Rara —
50 "— Blue?"
52 NASA scrub
53 Presidential power
54 Dorm VIPs
55 "— nome" ("Rigoletto" aria)
56 Pub orders
57 Blond shade
58 Genesis garden

DOWN

1 Tempo
2 Cilium
3 Done with
4 Kind of parlor
5 Training site
6 Squabble
7 Bakery buy
8 Vinegary
9 "The Sound of Music" family name
10 Writer Wiesel
11 Some wines
19 Yes, to Juan
21 Actress Adams
24 Mouths (Lat.)
25 Sass
26 Craving for dinner
28 "There's — in team"
29 Chicago pizza style
30 Season opener?
31 "Wham!"
36 Rodeo ropes
37 Tours season
38 Spooky gathering
41 Either mate
42 Coffee
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48 Lunch hour
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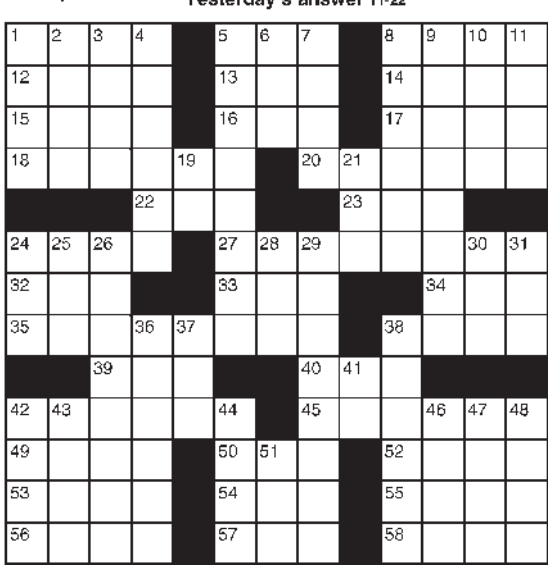

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ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Keep track of your money. Unnecessary purchases will add up quickly. A responsible attitude regarding your personal documents and keeping things updated will ensure you don't have any problems come tax time. Love and romance are highlighted. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Finish what you start, regardless of setbacks. Staying on top of your responsibilities will help you avoid a run-in with someone counting on you to do your part. Ask for help to meet your obligations if necessary. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* While looking for opportunities, don't get saddled with someone's problems or projects. The best way to get ahead is to do whatever it takes to promote yourself, your skills and your ideas, not working to promote the interests of others. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Look at partnerships carefully. If you think both parties will benefit, great, but if not, be prepared to walk away. Do a background check; honesty may be an issue. Do your best to build up strength and endurance. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Don't let the little things get to you. Socialize with people who motivate you to be your best. Monitor those who have bad habits and who try to coax you to join in. Proper diet, exercise and less indulgence are recommended. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Participate in trade shows, courses or meetings that will broaden your sense of awareness and give you a better understanding of what's possible. Refuse to let a personal problem you are dealing with stifle your chance to learn something new. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Short trips, getting together with old friends or colleagues or just taking a moment to gather your thoughts and formulate new plans will do you good. Don't let someone put demands on you or take up too much of your time. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Put more effort into emotional relationships. Take time to listen to problems, nurture connections and protect against love loss. Don't evade issues or mislead someone about the way you really feel. Honesty is the best policy. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Anger will mount if someone misleads you. Don't engage in a battle you cannot finish or win. You should do your best to nurture partnerships, not disrupt them. Put your time and energy into something constructive that will help you get ahead. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Spend more time on domestic issues. Make changes at home that will improve your life and personal relationships. Your effort won't go unnoticed and will ward off someone's complaints. Don't let someone from your past disrupt your life. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Finish what you start, and positive changes will come your way. Taking on a job that requires your full attention will also end up lining your pockets with extra cash. A personal gain will change your life. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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By DAVID OUELLET

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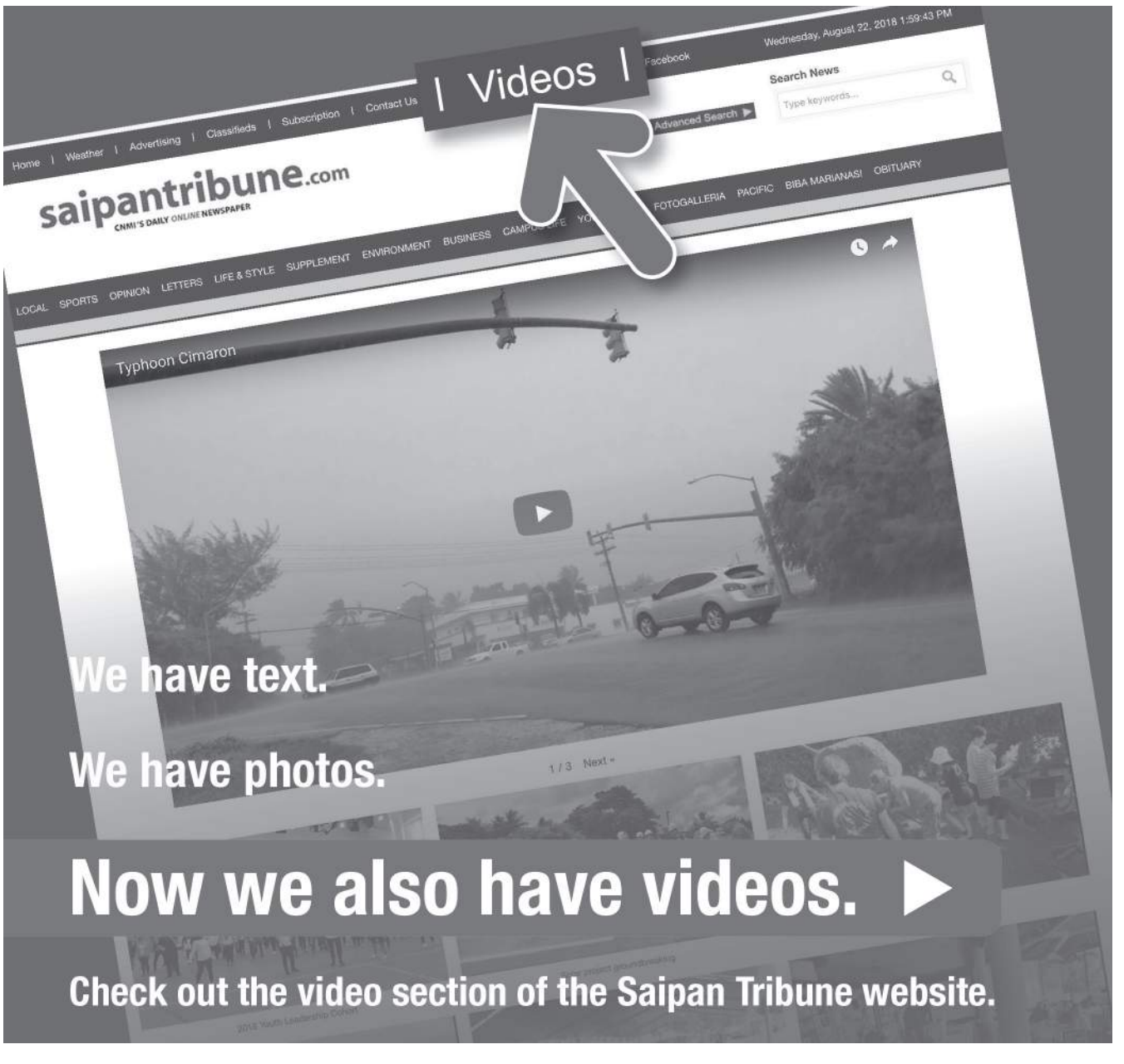

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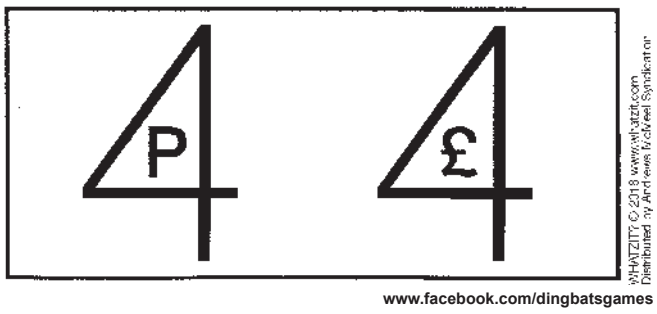

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Green's last second shot leads Raptors over Magic

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Danny Green made a fade-away jumper with less than a second remaining to lift the Toronto Raptors over the Orlando Magic 93-91 on Tuesday night.

Green caught Kyle Lowry's inbound pass with 2.3 seconds left, pulled up on the left side of the lane and hit a jumper with 0.5 seconds remaining. Orlando's Nikola Vucevic missed on a 67-foot heave as time expired.

Kawhi Leonard led Toronto with 18 points, and Pascal Siakam had 15. Serge Ibaka added 14 points and nine rebounds, and Green finished with 13.

Evan Fournier led the Magic with 27 points, 22 of them in the second half when he was about the only offense Orlando could generate. Aaron Gordon had 16 points, and Vucevic had 14 points and 18 rebounds for the Magic, who ended a three-game winning streak.

Fournier drove past Green for a tying dunk with 2.3 seconds left. The Raptors took a full timeout, and Green scored on the ensuing inbound.

Neither team had it going offensively for most of the game, especially in the fourth quarter.

The Magic missed 11 straight field-goal attempts in a 4-minute stretch early in the period. Their only points were two free throws from Jonathan Isaac, but the drought didn't cost them much.

Toronto could only put together a 3-pointer from Green and a layup by Jonas Valanciunas during that stretch to take an 80-77 lead.

The teams traded baskets from there until Ibaka drilled a jumper from the top of the key to put Toronto in front 91-89.

Toronto led by 18 during a first half when both teams struggled to find or maintain an offensive rhythm. The Raptors made enough shots to jump out to a 40-22 advantage in the middle of the second quarter, as Orlando labored under 30 percent shooting.

Trail Blazers 118, Knicks 114

In New York, CJ McCollum scored 31 points, Damian Lillard had 29 points, eight assists and six rebounds, and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Knicks.

Portland's star guards provided most of the offense in a game that was close most of the way, and Evan Turner helped the Trail Blazers finally pull it out when he put back a missed shot with Portland clinging to a two-point lead and 9.5 seconds remaining.

Jusuf Nurkic finished with 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Blazers, who have won two straight after dropping the first two games on their trip that now heads to its difficult conclusion. Portland plays Milwaukee on Wednesday and closes it at Golden State.

Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 32 points for the Knicks, who dropped their sixth straight. They were a bit better than the previous games of the skid, when they yielded 126.2 points per game, but not good enough to stop the early Western Conference leaders.

Hardaway has scored 30 or more points in three straight games.

Nets 104, Heat 92

In Miami, D'Angelo Russell scored 20 points, Jarrett Allen had 13 points and 14 rebounds and the Brooklyn Nets added to the Heat's misery at home by topping the Heat.

Spencer Dinwiddie scored 16 points for Brooklyn, which held the Heat to 36 percent shooting. Joe Harris and DeMarre Carroll each added 11 for the Nets and Rondae Hollis-Jefferson scored 10.

Hassan Whiteside had 21 points and 23 rebounds for Miami, which dropped its fifth straight at home— all on their "Vice" themed court. No Heat team has ever had a home losing streak of five or more games and went on to make the playoffs.

Josh Richardson scored 16 and Rodney McGruder finished with 15 for Miami. Justise Winslow added 10 and Dwyane Wade returned from a seven-game absence because of the birth of his daughter to score five points.

The Heat couldn't make much of anything all night, especially in the fourth quarter. They were 0 for 7 from 3-point range in the fourth, 7 for 13 from the free-throw stripe in that period—and were 4 for 19 from the floor overall in those 12 minutes, with the game on the line.

Wizards 125, Clippers 118

In Washington, John Wall scored 30, Bradley Beal had 27 and Jeff Green added 20 as the Wizards rallied from 24 points down to beat the Los Angeles Clippers.

Wall, Beal and Green each scored 10 in the fourth quarter as Washington outscored Los Angeles 39-23 to pull out the win.

The Clippers led by 24 midway through the second quarter, but the Wizards cut the lead to 95-86 after three quarters and took a 115-113 lead on Wall's layup with 2:33 to play.

Tobias Harris scored a season-high 29 points, Montrezl Harrell had 20, and Lou Williams and Shai Gilgeous-Alexander each added 17 for the Clippers, who had won five straight. Williams was ejected with 34.5 seconds to play.

Washington, which improved to 6-11, won amid reports the team would listen to trade offers for Wall and Beal.

AP

Toronto Raptors' Kawhi Leonard, center, is swarmed by the Orlando Magic defense, including Aaron Gordon (00) and Evan Fournier, third from left, during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018, in Orlando, Fla.

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Thanksgiving Day

may we each reflect on the founding values of what defines us as a people of the Marianas. We pride our uniqueness as a united community built upon our cultural institution of respect, togetherness and love for our Commonwealth.

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HOF-bound Beltre retires after 21 seasons

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Adrian Beltre had a sometimes-imposing stare and plenty of quirky habits. He also had a genuine love for the game, and a lot of fun in a Hall of Fame-caliber career.

After 21 big league seasons in which Beltre hit 477 home runs and became the first player from the Dominican Republic to have 3,000 hits, the slick-fielding third baseman for the Texas Rangers retired Tuesday at age 39.

"After careful consideration and many sleepless nights, I have made the decision to retire from what I've been doing my whole life, which is playing baseball, the game I love," Beltre said in a statement. "I have thought about it a lot and although I appreciate all the opportunities and everything that baseball has given me, it's time to call it a career."

Beltre, who will be eligible for the Hall of Fame ballot in five years, was a .286 hitter with 1,707 RBIs in 2,933 career games. His 3,166 hits rank 16th on the career list, with his homers total 30th and RBIs 24th. He played 2,759 games at third base — only Hall of Famer Brooks Robinson had more.

"As much fun as people see us having at the ballpark all of the time, and playing around, I haven't met somebody that was more detailed about the game than him," Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus said. "He's going to be missed for sure. It's going to be different."

The four-time All-Star and five-time Gold Glove winner was 19 when he made his big league debut with the Dodgers in 1998. Beltre played with Los Angeles until 2004, the Seattle Mariners from 2005-09 and the Boston Red Sox in 2010. He joined the Rangers on a $96 million, six-year free-agent deal in 2011, and appeared in his only World Series in his first season with Texas.

AP

In this July 31, 2018, file photo, Texas Rangers third baseman Adrian Beltre makes the off balance throw for the out on a ball hit by Arizona Diamondbacks' Paul Goldschmidt during the first inning during a baseball game, in Phoenix.

"The thing for me that stood out that I was unaware of ... was how much he fun he had," Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said. "He's obviously got an intense demeanor and it probably takes a little while for everybody to kind of get comfortable with him because he's an intimidating guy, just because he's so regimented and serious."

Beltre often checked his own swing to umpires and hated being touched on the head, which teammates often exploited. There were the shuffling feet and swiveling legs in the batter's box on inside pitches or those in the dirt.

There were those times when Beltre and Andrus would be only a few feet apart on the left side of the infield, both with their gloves in the air, one mimicking the other catching a popup. There was a pitching change at Seattle in 2013 when Beltre threw his glove at a fleeing Andrus after being popped on the head with a glove by the shortstop.

CNMI

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ementary School this weekend.

"We will be very busy helping our people. We will fix the classrooms at the Oleai Elementary School this Saturday," the NMRU head said.

Meanwhile, Isla Montessori official Susan Book expressed gratitude to the CNMI rugby players, as their assistance made the return of the students to school possible.

"I was in absolute tears as I watched these men that had absolutely no connection to our school spent their entire day putting up a ceiling for the children's classroom and resetting the fence for the entire school," Book said in a message sent to Iakopo.

"Throughout the day, some left a bit to get water and necessities for their own family and then came back. The selflessness and sense of community service the rugby team showed was truly astounding. Isla Montessori School staff, board, families, and children are forever grateful to them for making it possible to open the school post Yutu on Nov. 13. Thank you Stanley for putting the call out to the boys. They truly showed team work," she added.

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the rest of the tour," added Lee, who will also play in a couple of tournaments in the U.S. next month.

Her second event in Mexico is played in clay court and that's an added challenge to Lee.

"The change from hard court to clay is quite significant. I'm used to playing on hard so the change will be a challenge. I have played on clay in North Africa this year and last year so I do have some experience. I'm optimistic," Lee said.

With relief assistance coming in from all parts of the country and around the world and seeing the work we have accomplished together, we really have much to be grateful for this past year. To our local and federal first responders, thank you all for your hard work and service to improve these islands we call home.

Let us continue to rebuild our islands stronger and more resilient than ever before.

We hope you and your families have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving, Marianas!

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Green's last second shot leads Raptors over Magic

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Carol eliminates American foe

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Carol Lee is in the second round of the Mundial Juvenil Yucatan HSBC FMT that is being played at the Club Campestre de Yucatán Calle in Merida, Mexico.

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The CNMI's Carol Lee swept her way through the opening round of the Mundial Juvenil Yucatan HSBC FMT.

Lee took only two sets to dispatch American Elvina Kalieva, 6-2, 6-4, yesterday at the Club Campestre de Yucatán Calle in Merida, Mexico to advance to the second round of the Grade A tournament.

Next up for the Commonwealth bet is Hungary's Adrienn Nagy and the second round match will be the acid test for Lee. Nagy is seeded No. 13 in the 64-player singles field and gained a Round 2 berth after demolishing Jennifer Gadalov of the U.S., 6-0, 6-0. The Hungarian is ranked No. 43 in the world and made it to the semifinals of her previous tournament (Copa Mundial Campeche FMT where Lee also participated and lost in the first round). The 17-year-old also owns two singles and three doubles championships against Lee's three singles and two doubles titles.

Meanwhile, the 16-year-old Lee is relieved to pass through the opening round of her second tournament in Mexico and looks forward for a couple more wins in this high-ranking competition.

"Unfortunately, I lost in the singles in the first week in Mexico, but I feel more confident with myself in doubles now. I'm happy that I made it to the semifinals in doubles and I want to win more matches," Lee said.

"Having confidence in higher grade tournaments has been a challenge for me, so getting some wins under my belt will mean a lot. It gives me confidence than I can compete with some really good players. I'm hoping to carry that through

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Instant 'workout' for CNMI rugby players

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The CNMI rugby team's community work turned out to have a double purpose.

Aside from providing help to the victims of Super Typhoon Yutu, the squad also managed to get an instant "workout," which it badly needed after weeks of having no training sessions.

"We all needed to break a sweat," said Northern Marianas Rugby Union president and team assistant coach Stanley Iakopo, who along with the more than 10 members of the squad helped rebuild Isla Montessori School in Dandan and donated clothing to two shelters.

"We need to get back to training and conditioning, especially we will be playing against Japan in late January," said Iakopo adding that working together in assisting community members also strengthens the team's bond.

After fixing the classrooms at Isla Montessori, Iakopo and company will head to Oleai El-

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CNMI rugby team members lift boxes of clothing that were donated to Kagman High School shelters.

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CNMI rugby players fix the ceiling of the Isla Montessori School last week.

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CNMI rugby players carry a photo copy machine out of the Isla Montessori School office.